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1. Several sources have reported that a military coup is in preparation in El Salvador which might break out any day to free Col. Osmin Aguirre and destroy the power of the present governing junta.

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In a letter from a man named Efrain Lopez to his sister Lucia Lopez at Caracas, Venezuela, Dr. Blas Cantizano of San Salvador was named as one of the organizers of this movement. Lopez wrote that Cantizano had succeeded in procuring arms and in securing the collaboration of various colonels. Lopez asked his sister to advise him if it would be propitious to have Dr. Max P. Brannon, former Minister of Economy under Cestaneda. seek exile in Venezuela should the movement fail.

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A second source also reported that a group of officers and civilians was planning a coup d'etat to free Col. Aguirre. They included the following:

Col. Benacio Reyes

Maj. heyes

Maj. Antonio Veldes

Col. Joaquin Valdes

Col. Ezquiel Guzman

Dr. Wax P. Brannon

Dr. Lisandro Villalobos

Col. Fogelbach Seldivar

Col. Garcia

Gen. Gustavo Lopez

Gen. Santiago Ayala

Col. Eugenio Palma

Dr. Damion Rosales

Source added that the entire Guardia Nacional of Nicaragua opposed the present Selvadoran junta, and would be available to either the Aguirre partisans or those of Major Carranza Amaya (junta member) who is about to come to an open break with Major Osorio,

4. Further details of the plan called for the creation of disorder in Santa Ana and Amuchapan as a diversion and a pretext. Osmin Aguirre will be allowed by Col, Palma to walk out of the penitentiary and will go to the San Cerlos Carrison. This garrison, the Cavalry Regiment, and the National Guard will be taken over by prior arrangement based on bribes. These three units will call upon the 1st Regiment (Fort Zapate) to surrender.

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5. Dr. Damian Rosales was identified as a man serving as a liaison between the military plotters and certain "foreign" capitalists who are furnishing the funds, most of which are being used for bribery.

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According to Jose Rafael Ulloa Morazan, an Osmin Aguirre supporter, the plot is well advanced. He said he was invited to join during the lest week in February but refused. He added that good communications had been established between the prison and the outside, and that many people keep in contact with Aguirre.

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The junta is presumably informed of the proposed coup, since the information is known to have been divulged to the student leader Ulises Flores, who undoubtedly would have passed it on to the civilian members of the junta. An unconfirmed report has been received that a number of Osmin Aguirre supporters including six Army officers, were captured on the night of 2 March.

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